the wake of cyclone in Orissa. The amount of such contributions cannot be quantified. Disbursement from the PMNRF are entirely at the discretion of the Prime Minister.

Facilities to Farmers in Meghalaya

14. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided facilities to the farmers to increase the production of agricultural items in the State of Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to provide agricultural implements and machines under various crop specific programmes in the State of Meghalaya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have provided facilities to the farmers to increase the production of agricultural items in the North-East states, including the state of Meghalaya, through various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes as given in the statement. (*See* below).

(d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers", subsidy @ 30% (limited to Rs. 30,000) is provided to farmers, individually or in groups, for the purchase of tractors upto 30 PTO HP capacity and their matching implements. Under Production-Oriented Schemes such as Oilseeds Production Programme, National Pulses Development Project, Integrated Cereal Development Programme (Rice), financial assistance is provided for improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, power tillers, etc.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme
1.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme — Rice
2.	Special Jute Development Programme
3.	National Pulses Development Project
4.	Oilseed Production Programme
5.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme
6.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
7.	Scheme for Foundation & Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops
8.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers
9.	Exchange of Farmers with in the country
10.	Strengthening Agricultural Extension in N.E. States
11.	State Land use Board
12.	Watershed Development project in shifting cultivation Areas
13.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture
14.	Development of Commercial Floriculture
15.	Development of Mushroom
16.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits
17.	Development of Cashewnut
18.	Development of Vegetables
19.	Development of Betelvine
20.	Development of Spices
21.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops
22.	Assistance to Women Cooperatives
23.	Non-over due cover Scheme (Credit)
24.	Agricultural Credit Stabilisation Fund